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To: FOIA HQ
Subject: FOIA request re: 40 USC 300j-9(h) reports
Attachments: FOIA - EPA - SDWA 300j-9 Repts.pdf

Dear Freedom of Information Officer,

Please find attached my request. I would be very happy to speak with you if I can provide any clarification as to my request.

Many thanks for all that you do,

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Records, FOIA, and Privacy Branch,
Office of Environmental Information,
Environmental Protection Agency,
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue (2822T), NW
Washington, DC 20460
hq.foia@epa.gov

RE: FOIA request regarding Safe Drinking Water Act 300j-9(h) Reports

Dear Freedom of Information Office:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), we request copies the following:

- All reports produced by EPA pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. § 300j-9(h) (*Reports to Congressional committees; review by Office of Management and Budget: submittal of comments to Congressional committees*) in these timeframes: 1983-1986, 1993-1996, 2008-2011.

To the extent that records responsive to this request are available in a widely-used electronic format (e.g., PDF, Excel, Word, or WordPerfect files), we would prefer to receive them in that format.

This FOIA request is being submitted by Earthjustice, a national nonprofit organization that advocates on behalf of hundreds of organizations to ensure that our nation's environmental laws are faithfully implemented. We request that you waive all fees in connection with this request, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A)(iii) and 40 C.F.R. § 2.107(l). Earthjustice provides no-cost legal representation to over 700 clients, including groups like the Sierra Club, which currently boasts over one million members and supporters. Additionally, Earthjustice regularly issues press releases to the public and publishes in-depth reports to increase the public understanding of issues related to our environment and to the public health. Release of the requested records to Earthjustice will thus directly contribute to the public's understanding of EPA's regulatory actions with respect to drinking water. Moreover, the subject of the request concerns the operations and expenditures of the federal government related to ensuring safe drinking water. The reports should be publicly available but we were unable to find them on EPA's website so we are requesting by this method.

Earthjustice has no commercial interest in these records, and neither Earthjustice nor any other party will benefit from the disclosure of these records to Earthjustice. Earthjustice does not charge for its legal services nor does it have any financial stake in the litigation it undertakes.

If you find that this request is unclear in any way, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-797-5257. I would be happy to discuss my request and to see if I can clarify the request or otherwise expedite and simplify your efforts to comply with it. You may also reach me by email at: gsommers@earthjustice.org.

Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully,

Gordon Sommers